



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week in April;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019 as

*Library Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fourth day of March, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State